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APPLICANTS: Atsujiro ISHII, et al.

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ART UNIT : 2612 **Conf. No. 6641**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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4. Relevance of the non-English language reference(s) is discussed in the present specification.

☐ 5. The reference(s) was/were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.

6. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language reference(s) appears in the Appendix attached hereto.

7. The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. _____, filed, which is directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of this U.S. Patent Application is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to that application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination of the present application.

8. This application is one of a series of related applications, identified in the attached Appendix, which are directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of those U.S. Patent Applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to those applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during the examination.

☒ 9. The reference(s) was/were cited by or submitted to the Office in parent application No. 10/142,219 filed 10 May 2002, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. Thus, copies of these references are not attached. 37 CFR §1.98(d).

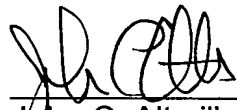
☐ 10. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.

☐ 11. Copies of U.S. references are not required.

☒ 12. Other: Copies of the PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN listed under "OTHER DOCUMENTS" as references Nos. 9-12 on the attached SB/08 are submitted herewith since they were not considered in Serial No. 10/059,029.

Respectfully submitted,

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	6,104,432	08/15/00	NAKAMURA et al.	348/360	
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	3. PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN, JP 2001-100100, 13 April 2001 (COSINA CO LTD)
	4. PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN, JP 2001-318313, 16 November 2001 (CANON INC)
	5. PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN, JP 2001-337275, 7 December 2001 (CANON INC)
	6. PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN, JP 08-248318, 27 September 1996 (SONY CORP)
	7. PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN, JP 2000-131610, 12 May 2000 (SONY CORP)

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